

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Amendment is presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b) and MPEP § 1453 governing amendments in reissue applications. Amendment of the claims is requested, as follows:

51. (New) A mold shell assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

a mold bottom defining a base impression of a base portion of a container to be molded; and

a pair of mold shells each defining a half impression of a substantial portion of said container to be molded, said mold shells being configured to be supported by mold shell holders shaped to be supported by said mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures,

said mold shells further defining one or more bearing surfaces sized and shaped to receive a quick-fixing locking member including a selectively retractable locking member portion for removably securing said mold shells to a respective one of said mold shell holders,
and

said mold shells further defining outer walls shaped to be in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with said mold shell holders.